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SUBJECT: SWEDISH RESPONSE: ASSISTANCE TO GEORGIA FOLLOWING
CONFLICT WITH RUSSIA

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On October 1, Katja Salsback, Desk Officer, Department for Assistance to Commonwealth of Independent States Countries, the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, told Deputy Economic Counselor that Sweden has provided some \$13.9 million to Georgia in bilateral assistance to Georgia in 2008, in addition to the EU assistance which Sweden participates in. Salsback commented that the level of assistance for reconstruction and economic support for 2009 will remain at \$13.9 million, but will then increase to \$20.8 million in 2010. Sweden has also provided \$4.2 million in crisis-related humanitarian assistance in 2008 to date. In 2009, Sweden will begin developing a new assistance strategy for reconstruction and economic support for Georgia. Post will report any additional information septel.
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